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CORE CRUSH PREVENTION

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Claims 55 and 57-59 stand finally rejected after appeal. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination of this application. Please amend claim 55 as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.